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UFO STUDY GROUP OF GTR ST. LOUIS
MEETING

2 PM Sunday, May 21, 2000

NEW LOCATION

The meeting place will be at Alberto's (The Fountains) restaurant at 8427 Gravois, St. Louis, MO 63123. The telephone number is 832-0388, just for the record. This is a fine cafeteria and they have very good food in very ample portions and at reasonable prices. The room is free if our members and visitors have lunch there so plan to come early and enjoy a nice Sunday meal before the meeting.

MEETING

The meeting will begin with the introduction of officers and directors and a welcome to all visitors. We will then have an open discussion of information about old and new UFO cases or UFO related happenings from all sources. Everyone is invited to speak or ask questions.

PROGRAM

Our program this month will feature a VIDEO FILM entitled "Have Aliens Ever Landed on Earth?" from Frank Brown's collection. This is a concise history of the UFO phenomena. It is also a thoughtful attempt to provide evidence both for and against the credibility of UFO sightings as a whole. Come and join in our viewing and discussion.

Our meetings have been growing in attendance due to the hard work of our program chairman Arnold Pryor and we appreciate his efforts in arranging the programs for our monthly meetings and placing the meeting announcements in the Get Out section of the St. L. Post-Dispatch and in the Suburban Journal..

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St. Louis UFO Symposium

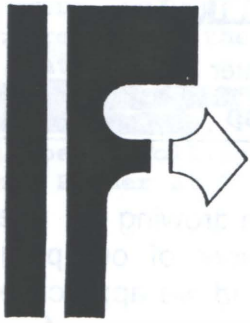
The MUFON 2000 International UFO Symposium will be held **July 14-16, 2000**, at the Sheraton West Port Hotel (Lakeside Chalet), 191 West Port Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146. The theme is "UFOs in the New Millennium." Confirmed speakers are **John S. Carpenter; Stanton T. Friedman; Ted Phillips; John F. Schuessler, Gerald E. Rolwes; Linda G. Corley, Ph.D.; Kevin D. Randle, Ph.D.; Stan Gordon; Bruce S. Maccabee, Ph.D.; Robert M. Wood, Ph.D.; Colm A. Kelleher, Ph.D. (NIDS); Gregory J. Avery, J.D.; and John Greenewald, Jr. ("The Black Vault")**.

Registrations for the symposium are now being accepted. Special incentive advance prices to attend all presentations are \$90 prior to July 1, and \$100 at the door. Individual sessions will be \$25 for each of the five sessions. An advance registration form was enclosed in the April issue of the *Journal* for your convenience. Please note the special incentive price for advanced registration.

To register for the symposium, please mail a check or money order payable to "MUFON 2000 UFO Symposium" to P. O. Box 643, St. Charles, MO 63302. Advance registration for the buffet/party on Friday evening 6-9 p.m. is \$20. (None to be sold at the door.)

For further information on the Symposium and vendor tables call 1-800-489-4UFO.

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Special Report Number 4

CLOSURE? A CANDID INTERVIEW WITH LINDA CORTILE

Thoughts about the Brooklyn Bridge Abduction Case

by Oliver von Kemenczky

**THIS IS THE SECOND HALF OF THIS SPECIAL REPORT THAT
WAS STARTED IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE UFO ENIGMA**

The Debunkers

Linda's views on UFO debunkers are refreshing, and this is a subject she seems eager to address:

I know that there are people out there within the UFO community...that are extremely skeptical about my case. And that's fine. You know, it's healthy to be skeptical. But it's only healthy if you are objective. Some of them are not objective. And for a while it made me feel like a prisoner.

In the beginning, it hurt because [the debunkers] were calling me a liar. As time went on, I learned that they weren't too bright and weren't worth my thoughts. So, I had fun with it. That's how I dealt with it. If these debunkers didn't exist, it would have been boring and I wouldn't have been able to have as much fun as I did debunking them back. It's fun. But tell that to a person who just finds out that they are an abductee. Then it isn't fun. But as the years go by, you see how ridiculous [the debunkers] are, and how closed-minded they are. You can have fun with it, and I did...you have to have fun with it."

Linda further speaks of Philip Klass, mentioning that she was sad to see him in poor health lately. "I don't want anything to happen to Phil. He belongs to the whole UFO community. God forbid if anything happened to him, it wouldn't be a challenge anymore. The other debunkers could never fill his shoes. I think he's cool." Admitting that Klass had never been so very hard on her, Cortile's animosities toward him are few. She does, however, recall a time that Klass had apparently called abductees "little nobodies." Although Linda seems genuinely disturbed by this statement, she simply shrugs it off and then contemplates Klass' rationale as one of possibly feeling upstaged by abductees in the public's eye.

She explains that there are three particular debunkers about whom she feels quite angry. "For about eight years, or so, they tried to discredit my case, discredit Budd, and to discredit me and anyone else who was involved in this case. Well, they were unsuccessful. I'd like to know what their agenda was. I'd like them to know that if they start...harassing my family and me again, I will bring charges against them." Despite her aggravation Cortile adds, philosophically, "I must admit that after a while they amused me. I wasn't the

prisoner—they were. Because they're prisoners of their own way of thinking. In a way, you have to feel pity for them."

Searching for an Empathetic Ear

As we all know, the UFO subject itself elicits many touchy responses when discussed in everyday mainstream life. So with whom can one feel safe speaking when the question of one's involvement in a possible alien abduction becomes apparent? Who are one's friends? Who can be trusted? To this day, says Linda, "I still can't talk about it to anyone outside of the UFO community. They look at you as though you have three heads, if you speak to anybody who doesn't have an open mind..."

Welling up with tears, she declares, "You feel so terrible, because, well, who's going to believe you? This is happening to people around the globe, and even if people hear the evidence, the testimony—I mean, it's *right in front of them—they still don't believe you. They don't believe it happened.*"

Cortile initially sought refuge in local abductee support-group meetings held by Budd Hopkins. Describing her first visit to such a gathering, she explains, "I didn't know what to expect. I thought that people would look strange, with triangles or little pyramids on their heads. I walked in and there were people that looked saner than me. I felt sorry for them." Apart from a number of psychiatrists and psychologists that Cortile says had interviewed her to find that she was "all right," these support groups helped her to understand that she was not alone, and indeed not crazy. "After a while, especially if you go through what I went through, you kind of wish you were crazy. And so it was a little disappointing to me to find out that I was normal. Because there's treatment for these [psychological] sicknesses. But there's no treatment for alien abductions."

A stronger, matured Cortile will be the first to tell you that it now takes a lot to irk her. When questioned on her credibility, Linda passionately fires back, "I don't worry about credibility. My career is wife and mother. I'll always be credible to my family. Who cares what others think of me? It doesn't faze me." One would guess that this hardened outlook is obviously the result of a decade of self-defense. But Linda's character was not so spunky when she first came to grips with her central involvement in such a complex UFO abduction story. In the beginning, she says she was afraid of being recognized and labeled a UFO hüt.

And what do her neighbors think? "There isn't one skeptical person in my neighborhood. They all sympathize. I mean, who knows what they say about me behind my back? I don't know, but they seem pretty sincere to me. I'm pleasantly surprised. I thought that I was going to be the laughing stock of the neighborhood. Apparently not. That's one of the positive things that happened during the case." The Cortile family still lives in the same apartment from which Linda's November 30th abduction took place.

Linda attributes much of her resilience to the debunkers. "My anger strengthened me. Anger is good sometimes. It's better than heartache. Heartache brings you down. Anger makes you stronger, and I have the debunkers to thank for that. The debunkers worked for me, not against me. They strengthened me. I hope that they keep talking. I hope they keep acting like morons. Because the more they do it, the stronger I get, and the stronger I make others."

John

Linda's youngest son, John, is now 16. Having been raised a kind, honest, intelligent, and well-mannered teenager, John's connection to the UFO abduction phenomena and the Brooklyn Bridge abduction case remains an uneasy subject for Cortile to address. Horror, guilt, bitterness, anger, and heartache are some of the words she uses to describe her emotions at having discovered John's involvement, and her older son Steve's as well. She explains that in past years she would not initiate conversations with either of her sons regarding the issue. "What parent doesn't want their children to grow up normal? I was so afraid that they weren't going to grow up right. Of course, I would discuss things with them if they brought the subject up, but I wouldn't bring the subject up."

According to Linda, John really doesn't talk about experiences anymore. "Right now he's involved in his teenage life—his dances, his music, and his schoolwork." Linda suspects, however, that John may indeed have ongoing experiences, knowing that he does have sleepless nights from time to time. But, if so, he isn't talking about them. His seemingly carefree silence is fine with Linda. A good mother deeply concerned for her son's welfare, Linda is ready to speak with John if and when he is ready.

When asked how John has gone about defending his integrity concerning his abduction experiences, Linda admits that he has remained largely sheltered from public skepticism. She focuses, however, on a particular meeting—the "showdown meeting" as Linda calls it—in which she and John had addressed various questions fielded by investigators and debunkers. Here, John apparently handled himself quite well. "He never really cared about what [debunkers] thought of him. He knew what he knew. He knew what he saw. And it didn't matter to him what anybody thought about it." Recognizing her young son's wisdom, Linda confesses, "I should have had that attitude at the very beginning."

The similarities outlined in *Witnessed* between John's nighttime memories of "Melody" and Linda's "Mickey and Baby Ann" experiences are chilling. When asked if John ever brings up his dreams of Melody, Linda advises that he did in the past, but no longer. "If he's still having experiences with this young woman—she's probably a young woman now—I hope that it ends quickly," says Linda. "And if it doesn't end, I hope he ends up with her."

When asked if she ever fears or thinks about the possibility that things could turn out for John and Melody the way that things have turned out for Richard and her, Linda replies somewhat emotionally, "Oh, I wouldn't want him to go through what Richard and I went through. *Oh boy!* No. I think it was torture. It was unfair. I wouldn't want my son or anybody else's child to go through that."

Marilyn Kilmer

One of the most moving parts of *Witnessed* concerns the post-hypnosis meeting between Linda and the woman Hopkins refers to as Marilyn Kilmer. In this meeting, both Marilyn and Linda reveal to each other corroborating memories of a shared abduction experience, also involving John and the Third Man. Looking back on this exchange, Linda comments, "I was shocked. And like other confirmations [reflective pause], it hurt. A confirmation is always difficult, especially if you don't want to believe that these things have been happening. It was extraordinary. I'll never forget that day." For Cortile, the colored blouse that Marilyn brought to the meeting represented tangible, indisputable, and unforgettable proof that this abduction really happened. It was the same blouse that Linda had observed Marilyn wearing in their previous abduction experience together. It was the blouse that Linda had previously described to Hopkins, privately and in detail, during a prior hypnotic regression session. A blouse that she had never otherwise seen, except in her UFO recollections.

Saddened, she explains that she and Marilyn no longer keep in touch. "Marilyn, over the years, she changed," says Cortile. "I really believe that, unfortunately, she was one of the abductees that didn't make it—didn't make it through [the post-abduction trauma]. I feel very sorry for her. We were close friends. It's too bad. She was a nice person."

Since the publication of *Witnessed*, Cortile confirms that she is still plagued with conscious recollections of the mysterious events that occurred during the night of her November 30th abduction, 10 years ago. These recollections—some new, some familiar—remain fragmented and mysterious. "I don't know if they're flashbacks. I don't know what they are, but once in a blue moon, I'll get a memory of something. It's almost like a *déjà vu*, only it lasts longer."

As far as additional abduction experiences are concerned, Linda is unsure if she has had any. "I might have," says Linda, "but I could be wrong. I don't remember anything [new], and I don't want to explore anything [more], because I know what's been going on with me." Is Linda tired? "Yeah, yeah, I'm tired, but I'm not tired of helping other abductees. What I get tired of is the skepticism."

When asked how her experiences have affected or addressed her faith and her beliefs, Linda replies:

I'm not fanatically religious. I don't go to church as often as I should, but I'm a Roman Catholic—a practicing Roman Catholic. I've always had faith in God and in my religion—a love for my religion. This case and all these experiences that I've had made my faith even stronger. Because, well, where did my strength come from? It had to have come from God. How did I survive this? And I am not a victim anymore. I'm a survivor. And only God could have given me that strength. And I enjoy passing it along.

Does she think that God created the entities that abducted her? "I don't know if they were God's plan. Who really knows what the truth is? No one knows. But if God created us, I believe He created them."

When asked if she has sought out religious consolation by speaking with anyone from her church regarding her experiences, Linda responds, "Yes, I have. I didn't look for it actually. I was summoned, at the time, to talk about it. I've met some religious figures within the Catholic Church and I'm surprised that they are very open-minded about this [UFO abductions]. I'm more, like, shocked."

The hope for eventual closure and resolution to the ordeal surrounding the Brooklyn Bridge abduction case is a desire that Linda holds very dear. Can there ever be complete closure? "I don't believe that I'll ever have closure. And if it comes, it would take another few decades. I have put it behind me, but I'll never forget it. It's back there, where it belongs, in the past."

Many abductees and fellow experiencers now look to Linda Cortile for compassion, guidance and understanding. Although she would like to distance herself from most public roles related to UFO abduction phenomena, she does wish to continue helping out and participating in Hopkins's New York support group meetings. There she is a welcome addition—a veteran, so to speak—among many individuals at different stages of exploration in their abduction experiences. "I don't think I'll ever be a researcher or an investigator, or be in the in the public eye, but I sure would like to help these poor people. It makes me feel good if I can help them. But I'll

never feel good about the phenomenon, until this stops happening to people."

When asked if there is anything good or positive that has come out of this ordeal for her, Cortile responds only after contemplative hesitation. "I found out who my friends were and who weren't. I found out who the users were, and who weren't. And this new-found strength—that's top on my list—the strength I gained through God and the debunkers. Those are the only positive things that happened. I'm sorry that I ever found out what's been going on with me. In my opinion, I would [instead] prefer to go on wondering what it was."

If it were possible, Cortile says that she would simply wish the entire Brooklyn Bridge abduction experience away. In retrospect, after 10 long years, she summarizes the role that this abduction case has played in her life: "It was important in a negative way, not really in a positive way. It would have been better if it had never happened."

It is safe to say that we will never comprehend all the details connected to Linda Cortile's November 30, 1989 abduction experience. Linda often professes that "belief is a substitute for the truth." By limiting her beliefs to what she understands about the case, she has learned to cope with whatever the ultimate truth might be. The facts that she has managed to grasp thus far are painful enough, and so, for now, she has decided to stop searching for new answers. With her life almost back to a steady state, Linda Cortile now prefers to leave things alone—the way they are. And who can blame her?

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SAUCER LANDS ON ANCIENT PYRAMID IN WILTSHIRE, UK

"Driver Clive Stevens is seeking the truth behind mysterious coloured lights he saw over Silbury Hill (in North Wiltshire, UK) in the dead of night."

"He said the flashing lights formed the shape of a flattened oval 'rather like a flying saucer' and he is hoping other motorists might have spotted them and tell him what they mean."

"Mr. Stevens, 25, of Upper Isbury in Marlborough, was driving home on the (Motorway) A4 past the Waggon and Horses pub in Beckhampton when he saw the shimmering blue, green, white and red lights in the distance."

"It looked like a helicopter landing pad on an oil rig with all the bright lights," said Mr. Stevens, a consultant on water softening devices who was returning home after dropping off a friend in Chippenham, "a city about 125 miles (180 kilometers) west of London."

"He said it was on a clear night with a bright moon but he could not see people on top of the (Silbury) hill, just the lights forming an oval which he estimated as being two-thirds the size of the hilltop."

"On top of the hill was a whole pattern of lights in a traditional flying saucer shape. They were blinking red, white, green and blue, he said."

"I could not tell if it was hovering, or if it was stationary on top of the hill. It really scared me because I was on my own.; there was no other traffic about, and you hear these stories of alien abductions."

"Mr. Stevens said he was also well aware that the hill stands in the centre of an area where mysterious crop circles are frequently found."

"He said that as he drove past the hill the light dropped behind the hill, and although he did look in his mirror, he did not see it again."

"He added, 'I am not frightened to admit I was scared stiff, and I could not get along the A4 quick enough.'"

"Mr. Stevens, a keen military historian, said he doubted the light could have been from a helicopter or aircraft. Nor does he think the lights were caused by hoaxers because they would have had to be on the end of long poles."

"It was very cold on Sunday morning (February 20, 2000), which makes me think that if there were hoaxers there, they would have needed their heads read,' he added."

The sighting took place at about 4 a.m.

"Doug Sheppard, landlord of the Waggon and Horses pub, said he was in bed at 4 a.m. on Sunday, and he had heard reports of strange happenings at Silbury. But, he said, 'I don't know if it's connected at all, but my telephones went down at the weekend. When BT (British Telecommunications--J.T.) came to repair it, they said it was an exterior line fault.'"

Silbury Hill is one of the most ancient sites in Britain. It's an earthen pyramid that covers five acres and is constructed of over one million tons of earth, apparently moved by hand.

According to Aubry Burl, author of Prehistoric Avebury, Silbury Hill is an estimated 4,000 years old and is said to be the burial site of King Kunedha, a legendary monarch of the Beaker Folk. The king's body, clad in golden armor, is said to lie at the base of the man-made mound.

Silbury Hill bears an amazing resemblance to the pyramid of Cuicuilco in Mexico, which geologists maintain had to have been built before 8,000 B.C.

Nearby Beckhampton and Abury Hill have been the site of intensive archaeological efforts recently, but it is not known if these activities have anything to do with the landing of the saucer. (See the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald for February 25, 2000. See also Prehistoric Avebury by Aubrey Burl, Yale University Press, 1979, pages 128 to 136. Many thanks to Gerry Lovell of Far Shores for forwarding the newspaper article.)

ILLINOIS. HUGE HOVERING CRAFT REPORTED

WOOD DALE -- On April 25, 2000, the witness went to his car in the company parking lot after work, and saw airplanes descending in flight patterns toward Chicago O'Hare National Airport. I entered my car and drove west which was perpendicular to where planes descend very low toward the runways. As I drove, I turned to view an extremely huge aircraft that was very low to the ground and only a couple of blocks up. (2000 feet) It was much, much larger than a 747 but looked man-made. What caught my attention was that it was not moving. It seemed to be fixed in one position almost as if it was some kind of 'platform'. It was well lit and was slowly rotating. It was shaped similar to a very thin fuselage with very long wings. I don't remember seeing any engines. I slowed my driving, but didn't stop and finally the aircraft went out of view. I definitely felt I had seen something futuristic, but it did not seem to be a spacecraft. It looked as if it was some kind of a huge bomber or observation vehicle. And, again, it didn't move and it made no sounds. I think its multicolored lights even cast a shadow on the homes below. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com.

MISSOURI UFO CAUGHT ON INFRARED VIDEO

KANSAS CITY -- John Colaw the Kansas Director of Skywatch International writes, "I just had a great sighting, along with seven other witnesses. It was 9:15 PM when my daughter called me out to look at something in the sky. My wife Charla said "Oh my God, come out and look at this. I don't believe it." I went outside and west of my house, about 40 degrees above the horizon, was what looked like a pulsing star. It was changing brilliant colors. Red, blue, white, and yellow seemed to dominate. It changed color rapidly, but pulsed at a slower frequency. It was pulsating and changing colors. It appeared to be fat for a star, but otherwise you could not tell size, because distance was uncertain. It did not appear to be in space, it was in the sky. It was very weird to be able to watch it for so long. A friend who was visiting happened to have a nice SONY Handy cam with Night Shot infrared and 72x digital zoom. We got some great footage of it, first without the infrared. We got a good 25 minutes of it. Then we chased it in the car, but it was obviously a few miles away at least. But the best part was when we switched it to Night Shot Infrared. The object was too far away to be painted by the camera. What we shot was the infrared signature of the object, and it really is spectacular. It looks like a pulsing fog, with a bright triangular nucleus that is spinning rapidly. Like a cell made of light with a spinning triangle for a nucleus. I will get the video uploaded to the Internet and post it. I made sure to get perspective shots of the trees and streetlights in the foreground. Thanks to John Colaw and cliff@skywatch-international.org (Cliff Capers) Skywatch International.

Web Site at <http://www.filersfiles.com>. Chuck Warren
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LOUISIANA ABDUCTION?

CENTRAL -- Allen H. writes, "I wanted to tell someone about this that would believe me." Here is my story- I was driving from a friend's house late one night; it is in this small town called Central. It is outside of Baton Rouge, LA. There are 3 or 4 roads into Central from Baton Rouge and woods surround all of them. Well, I was driving home at 2:15 AM, when my car radio got a lot of static on it and my pager started going wild. Then there was a bright light. Next thing I know it is 3:30 AM and my car lights were still on but the engine was dead. I lost an hour and fifteen minutes. Now this trip only takes about thirty minutes to make. I do not know what happened. This happened about six months ago. Recently I have had these bed looking at me but I cannot move or yell. And the whole time my wife is in the bed sleeping. I think it is a dream, but I am not so sure anymore. My wife thinks I am too stressed out. But I am not. I am scared. Thanks to: Allen H.
allanbon@bellsouth.net.

LAKE MICHIGAN HAS FREQUENT SIGHTINGS

MUSKEGON -- Paul Willison reports that I was having our normal lunchtime get together with coworkers. I brought up the subject of UFOs just to see what the response would be and was surprised to find that four out of seven at the table reported very unusual sightings. The most interesting one was reported by a coworker who often goes to the shore of Lake Michigan to watch UFOs. This happens regularly, and he says that anyone with an evening or two to spend on the coast near Grand Haven, or Muskegon, Michigan should see the same thing. He says that he and some friends will sit on the 250 feet high bluffs overlooking the lake that gives them an awesome, unimpeded view to the west. He says that he will sometimes see 20 or more strange things in an evening; often they are lights that travel in formation, and are low to the water or horizon, but can suddenly shoot up at tremendous speed. He also sees lights travel the entire visible breath of the horizon at tremendous speed, traversing the entire horizon from south to north in two or three seconds. These UFOs are not uncommon and several other members of the lunch party said they had seen similar things, but had not reported them. I did gather that these objects are not often seen in the immediate vicinity of major cities or towns, but were common sights almost anywhere along the lake that was sparsely populated, which is still the majority of the lake shore. I think I will take my video camera, and spend a few evenings over at the dunes seeing what I can see! Thanks to PaulWillison@webtv.net and Skywatch International Inc.

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JUDITH AN ABDUCTEE WRITES:

I was abducted from the time I was a child. I used to have a small scoop mark in the back of my leg, but that is now slightly faded. I know things about aliens and their craft, but I don't know how I know. Sometimes, I wonder, why me. And others make things up that I know is far fetched. Spaceships move at 20,000 mph. Perhaps, faster now. I believe I was in a UFO (the first time) when I was 8 years old, which seems to be my best recollection of the ship. I recall aliens sitting at computer monitors, but the print was orange. I remember seeing tops of trees (I think I was being brought up to a spaceship). Then traveling very slowly over and along the street -- watching telephone poles pass on the screen. And they knew who lived in every house. I think I have been contacted many, many times. They have a sense of humor (at least some of them). I am very aware of having seen a "gray" while I was awake. First standing beside my bed staring at me, and then walking away from me. There was a group in my living room (I heard them when I woke up), but when I sat on the edge of my bed I was told (by telepathy) not to come to the room where they were. I don't remember the exact words, but I knew they meant business. They had come to talk to the invisible one who had stayed with me. At first I thought I had flipped my lid, but when I pushed for proof that "he" was there, I got proof!!!! The night they came for him, I remember them saying emphatically, "No, your time is up. You must return." I am always wary of their arrival and know when they'll show up. Perhaps my ears ring. But once they are there, I am not frightened. I think it's being "startled" by their arrival that frightens me. That's when they have a sense of humor. I might be looking in the freezer for something, close the door and one is standing there. Or pulling a shirt over my head, and one is there. Almost enjoying my fright, yet not wanting to frighten me. A few times I've voiced my displeasure and they back off, but they are clearly NOT afraid of me.

I never wash my hair or take a shower when I'm alone in the house. I recall moving the shower curtain aside and one or two were standing there. I now have crystal clear shower curtains!!! They seem to come about 2:30 in the morning. If I awake at that time, I will not get up and walk around the house. I figure let them come and get me. I am perfectly sane with the rest of my life and they seem to have given me special psychic gifts. I (sometimes) know when a relative will die. Recently, I knew the moment my brother poked his eye out. He lives in New England and I live in Montana. Also, I knew the moment my mother died -- and I was hundreds of miles away. I have always felt they keep me VERY healthy and protected from accidents. When I was speeding, I knew where the police cars were hidden. Thanks to Judith.

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UFO HIJACKS CAR IN ULSTER: VICTIM REPORTS SIX HOURS OF "MISSING TIME"

An Ulster man claims that his car was lifted off the ground by a UFO, and he experienced six hours of "missing time" as a result.

On Thursday, March 23, 2000, John H., employed at a factory in West Belfast, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, "was on my way home from work after a long and tiring shift which had lasted 24 hours. So, as you can imagine, I wanted to go home to my wife and children and sleep for a few hours."

"But," John reported, "as I was on my way home, I pulled into a petrol (gasoline in the USA--J.T.) station to fill up the tank and noticed to my right a large light in the sky. At first I thought maybe it was the moon. But on looking again, it didn't take on the shape of the moon. Indeed, it took on the shape of an egg."

"I was amazed at what I was looking at. At first I thought to myself, Go and get someone to look at this thing...But, as the thought crossed my mind, something told me to get in the car and drive away from the filling station. Without paying for the petrol or anything!"

"I got into the car and drove away. The thing was following me. I live on the Falls Road in West Belfast, but I was driving the road that leads down to Dublin. I didn't want to go to Dublin! I wanted to go home to my wife and babies. I couldn't understand why I was driving down this road."

"While I was driving, I noticed the object again. It was starting to scare me very much indeed. So much, in fact, I started to scream. Without knowing why, I stopped the car on a hillside road that leads to a farming area northbound on the (motorway) M-3. The car, it seemed, was lifting. I felt it. But for some reason, I was not sure that it was. It was as though someone was screwing with my brain. Telling me what to think."

"All I can remember after this was driving on the Whiterock/Donagall Road and back to my house on the Falls Road. The funny thing about it is, on my way home from work, it takes five minutes to get to my home from the filling station. But it was 2:30 a.m. before I got home."

"I have about six hours of my life gone, and I can't account for it. I want to know what is going on, and I have to know it now."

The case is currently being investigated by Conor McLaughlin of the Belfast UFO Society. (Many thanks to the witness and to Conor McLaughlin for this report.)



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COMMENTARY: WHY THIS EXPECTATION OF UFO CRASHES?

[The following opinion piece by attorney Peter Gersten of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) is reprinted with permission. See related story in Part One.]

Last week there was much excitement, mostly by the local press, over the object that fell to Earth near a dam in Australia. Though the subsequent investigation revealed the object to be a meteorite, some people initially assumed that we might finally have proof of an "extraterrestrial" vehicle.

CAUS finds it interesting that, while we nervously approach the year 2000 with the sci-fi potential of our rapidly expanding technology, we still cling to the old "1947 belief" that the UFO Phenomenon includes physical objects that crash and leave physical evidence of its reality.

Whether or not the phenomenon has existed for as long as humans have been on this planet, and CAUS believes it has, the one thing that is evident after fifty years of study is the consistent and continuous "inconclusiveness" of any alleged physical evidence.

In the humble opinion of this writer, whatever is interacting with certain members, if not all, of our species, has total control of our 3D reality including the ability to materialize and dematerialize into and out of it; the ability to affect our senses and thereby our perceptions; and the ability to program our organic software. To believe that we can, in any way other than consensually, understand the nature of this "intelligence" is to naively and egocentrically overestimate our hierarchal status on this planet.

On another note, isn't it time we took a more serious look at the unusual and numerous sightings of these "meteors" and "fireballs?" It sure feels like "something" is going on that we should know about. Shouldn't a scientific panel be convened to study these continuous sightings and any implications? CAUS suggests an endeavor similar to Project Twinkle, which investigated the Green Fireballs of the late 1940s.

Peter Gersten, Dec 12, 1999
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Congratulation to UFO Study Group Member Dawn A. Vohsen who passed the MUFON Field Investigator's Exam this past month. I hope we get some investigation reports to put in our UFO Enigma in the future. Nice going, Dawn.

RONALD REAGAN said, while governor of California, "I was in a plane last week when I looked out the window and saw this white light. It was zigzagging around." "I went up to the pilot and said, "Have you ever seen anything like that?" He was shocked and he said, "Nope." And I said to him: "Let's follow it!" "We followed it for several minutes. It was a bright white light." "We followed it to Bakersfield, and all of a sudden to our utter amazement it went straight up into the heavens." "When I got off the plane I told Nancy all about it, but we didn't file a report on the object because for a long time they considered you a nut if you saw a UFO..."
Ronald Reagan, 1974

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